

NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE
Mail Ballot Election of Local Union Officers
Local Union No. 71
September 5, 2023

This is your official Notice of Nominations and Election, pursuant to Section 122(a) of the UA Constitution.

NOMINATIONS MEETING

Nominations for the offices of **President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Business Manager, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Inside Guard, four (4) Executive Board Members, three (3) Finance Committee Members, three (3) Examining Board Members, three (3) Directors Building Inc Committee, two (2) Pension Fund Trustees and two (2) Health & Welfare Trustees** will be held at the date, time, and place indicated below. Officers will be elected for a three-year term commencing in January 2024.

Nominations will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Local Union 71
1250 Ages Dr
Ottawa, ON K1G 5T4

Nominations may be made in person at the Nominations Meeting or in writing. Written nominations should include the address, phone number and UA Card Number of both the nominator and the person nominated, must specify the office for which the nomination is made, and should be signed by the nominator. Written nominations must be received by Election Chair Claude Bédard at Local 71, 1250 Ages Dr, Ottawa, ON K1G 5T4 no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, which is one hour before the Nominations Meeting.

Eligibility to Nominate: As provided in Section 123(c) of the UA Constitution, no member is eligible to nominate candidates for office unless he or has been a member in good standing in Local 71 for a period of (1) one year immediately prior to the nominations meeting, which is seven days prior to the mailing of the ballots. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of (1) one year immediately prior to the nominations meeting shall not be eligible to nominate candidates for office. As provided in Section 148(b) of the UA Constitution, apprentice members who satisfy the foregoing requirements shall be eligible to nominate candidates if they have successfully completed their third apprenticeship year as of September 27th, 2023.

Eligibility to Run for Local Union Office: As provided in Section 123(c) of the UA Constitution, no member shall be eligible to accept a nomination and run for office in a Local 71 mail ballot election unless he or she shall be a journeyman member and shall have been a member of the United Association and Local 71 in good standing for at least a period of two (2) years immediately prior to nominations meeting which is seven (7) days prior to the mailing of the ballots. Any journeyman member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of two (2) years immediately prior to the nominations meeting shall not be eligible to be nominated for office.

CANDIDATES MEETING

A meeting of all candidates will be held at Local 71 immediately following the Nominations Meeting. It is very important that candidates make every effort to attend this meeting, either in person or through a surrogate. The rules for candidates running for election such as the right to an observer, the mailing of campaign literature, the right to view the membership list, the order of names on the ballot, and other election-related issues will be discussed.

ELECTION

The election will be conducted by **mail ballot**. There will be no manual balloting or walk-up election.

Eligibility to Vote: As provided in Section 123(c) of the UA Constitution, no member is eligible to vote in an election of officers unless he or she has been a member in good standing in Local 71 for a period of (1) one year immediately prior to nominations meeting. Any member who owes or has paid a reinstatement fee within a period of one (1) year immediately prior to nominations meeting shall not be eligible to vote in the election. As provided in section 149(b) of the UA Constitution, apprentice members who satisfy the foregoing requirements shall be eligible to vote if they have successfully completed their third apprenticeship year as of September 27th, 2023.

Eligibility to vote for Apprentices

Effective January 1st, 2017, the UA Constitution has revised the issue of apprentice voice and vote. Section 148 (b) of the Constitution now reads as follows: After successful completion of the third apprenticeship year, apprentices shall be entitled to voice and vote at Local Union meetings and in Local Union elections. Therefore, all fourth (4th) and Fifth (5th) year apprentices are eligible to vote.

As per the privacy act, the Quebec registered 4th year apprentices and newly registered journeymen will need to identify themselves before October 1st, 2023, by sending proof of their trades currently shown on their Quebec CCQ licence to the office or the election committee.

Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 6th, 2023. Ballot packages will include instructions for completing and returning ballots. Voters should read and follow the instructions carefully.

To be counted, **ballots must be mailed in sufficient time to be received at the designated post office box no later than 5PM on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023.**

The counting of the ballots will take place on Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at Local 71 Training Centre, 1250 Ages Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 5T4.

Resolution of a Tie Vote: In the event of a tie vote for any office, and a runoff is necessary, the name of the members tied will be mailed out again on November 30, 2023, and must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2024. The results will be made known on January 12, 2024, at the Local 71 Training Centre, 1250 Ages Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 5T4.

All dates and times may be altered only at the discretion of your Election Board.

To ensure that you receive your ballot package in a timely fashion, please be sure that you have an up-to-date address on file with Local 71.

The following Local 71 members have agreed to serve as the Election Committee:

- 1) **Claude Bédard, Election Chair**
- 2) **André Rondeau**
- 3) **Paul Mongeau**
- 4) **Scott Jowsey**
- 5) **François Tassé**
- 6) **Denis Prévost**

Fraternally yours,

Angus Maisonneuve
Business Manager
United Association - Local 71